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Letter dated 23 June 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have noted the statement issued by the President of the Security Council contained in document S/PRST/2004/21 of 22 June 2004 concerning the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In the statement there is a paragraph which reads:

> "The Security Council reminds Uganda not to interfere in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including through military support for armed groups."

The statement has a connotation that Uganda is or may be contemplating interfering in the internal affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This is an unfortunate statement. Uganda since its withdrawal of its armed forces from the Democratic Republic of the Congo has abided by the principles of good-neighbourly relations contained in the declaration of good-neighbourly relations of 25 September 2003, and Security Council resolution 1493 (2003) of 28 July 2003. In the circumstances, the reference to Uganda in the statement was uncalled for. We accordingly call upon the President of the Security Council to correct the false impression created.

We request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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